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# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of November 6, 2007 through November 11, 2007.

#### **TUESDAY**

11/06/2007

#### (1) DUTY STEWARD

George Slender will be the duty Steward this week, who is replacing James Dreyer who is out due to illness.

#### (2) SCRATCHES AND ENTRIES

Scratch time for Thursday was conducted promptly at 9:00 a.m. Entries for Friday consisted of two Thoroughbred races and eight Quarter Horse races.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

11/07/2007

#### (1) DARK DAY

9:00 a.m. scratch time was completed without noteworthy incident.

#### (2) ENTRIES

Eleven races were used for Saturday's card, which consisted of one Arabian, one Thoroughbred and nine Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 12:30 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY**

11/08/2007

#### (1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The CAL-BRED race offered for this date failed to fill.

#### (2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 6 <u>Stormy Stenovec</u> (Tr. H. Nelson) injured, Dr. Hackathorn. Refund: \$561.00.

#### (3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey J.R. Ramirez met with the Stewards to discuss his ride in Sunday's sixth race. Mr. Arias explained that he was trying to win the race and keep his horse on a straight course, but the Stewards explained that it does no good to win the race if his horse is disqualified in the process. The Stewards issued a warning and Mr. Ramirez pledged to make a better effort.

## (4) LATE DECLARATION - REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race when Track Veterinarian Tom Hackathorn reported that # 1 "Classy Be Gone" (Trainer H. Nelson) failed to warm up properly.

Refund: \$4,990.00.

#### (5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as # 2 "RB Rapid Rhythm" (Trainer H. Sanchez) injured himself in the starting gate and was declared on advice of Track Veterinarian Tom Hackathorn.

Refund: \$18,463.00.

## (6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	783	On Track Handle:	\$129,731
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,843</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$253,103
Total:	2,626	Out of State:	\$395,233
		Total:	\$778,067

## **FRIDAY**

11/09/2007

## (1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race in the condition book failed to fill with three CAL-BREDS.

#### (2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 8 Nicencozy (Tr. J. Hernandez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$131.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Mexicali Ways (Tr. D. Montes) sick, Dr. Guillen.

Refund: \$124.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Betuitsred (Tr. C. Treece) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$726.00

10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 9 <u>Harneys Girl</u> (Tr. R. Dominguez) entered back, Stewards.

Refund: \$458.00

## (3) JOCKEY MEETING

The Stewards met with the Jockey Colony for their weekly meeting. The meetings have been consistently productive, and informative.

#### (4) PAGANO RULING # 244

#### **RULING # 246**

OWNER MICHAEL PAGANO, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2007, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 07LA0214, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR)

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MICHAEL PAGANO ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Pagano failed to appear to address a financial complaint in the amount of \$826.04 allegedly owed to the Equine Sport Medicine.

#### (5) INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards had the inquiry sign posted following the running of the seventh race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) to review an incident near the 1/16 pole. Involved were # 6 "Spoony" (4<sup>th</sup> – jockey C. Jensen) # 5 "World Class Dash" (3<sup>rd</sup> – jockey J. Cruz), and # 4 "Brendas Bono" (9<sup>th</sup> last – jockey A. Bautista).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify # 6 from fourth to last (9<sup>th</sup>).

Replays reflect # 6 drifts in bumping # 5 and down and into # 4 path causing the latter to clip heels and all chance of better placement.

## (6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

 On Track Attendance:
 1574
 On Track Handle:
 \$232,732

 Off Track Attendance:
 5613
 Off Track Handle:
 \$708,184

 Total:
 7178
 Out of State:
 \$683,727

 Total:
 \$1,624,643

## SATURDAY

11/10/2007

#### (1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race in the condition book failed to fill with two CAL-BREDS.

## (2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 <u>Jazz Sugar</u> (Tr. R. Viramontes) Horse ID, Stewards. Refund: \$239.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Final Answer (Tr. B. Lewis) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$405.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 Corona Rich (Tr.J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$145.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 <u>Dreamers Okie</u> (Tr. S. Fiscal) sick, Dr. Guillen.

Refund: \$380.00

11<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 <u>Fremont Butte</u> (Tr. E. Navarro) injured, Dr. Hackathorn. Refund: \$78.00

## (3) CLAIM DEBACLE

Trainer Sergio Fiscal, Jesse Godinez, and owner Antonio Perez appeared before the Stewards as requested. At issue was the claim of the horse "Royal Time Dash" out of the eighth race on Thursday, November 1, 2007. Mr. Fiscal was the original owner and trainer of the horse. Sergio trains other horses for owner Antonio Perez. Mr. Perez dropped a claim for "Royal Time Dash". Trainer Jesse Godinez was listed as the trainer on the claim card.

This transaction was brought to the attention of the Stewards, when "Royal Time Dash" was returned to the same stall in Mr. Fiscal's Barn

Mr. Fiscal was approached by Mr. Perez who expressed an interest in purchasing the horse. Mr. Fiscal declined the offer because he wanted to run for the purse. Decision to follow.

## (4) JOCKEY APPEARS

Jockey Cody Jensen appeared before the Stewards to review last night's seventh race in which his mount was disqualified. Subject offered that his mount was lugging in badly with him and he was doing all he could to keep him straight. Tapes verified that subject made an adequate effort to control his mount.

#### (5) INQUIRY - NO CHANGE

Following the running of the third race the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident at the start, which involved # 6 "Go On Tilt" (jockey J. Dominguez – Tr. T. West)

After talking with the rider involved and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards opted to make the race official. Tapes reflect # 6 broke in a tangle, causing the rider to lose his balance and fall off. Neither rider nor horse was injured.

## (6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1582	On Track Handle:	\$254,313
Off Track Attendance:	3240	Off Track Handle:	\$560,744
Total:	4822	Out of State:	\$608,661
		Total:	\$1,423,718

## <u>SUNDAY</u>

11/11/2007

#### (1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the condition book failed to fill with five CAL-BREDS.

## (2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 5 <u>Bahreeda</u> (Tr. B. Free) sick, Dr. Guillen. Refund: \$217.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Mr. Crimson (Tr. E. January) sick, Dr. Guillen.

Refund: \$133

9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 8 Reddydashn (Tr. A. Soto) sick, Dr. Guillen.

Refund: \$106.00

#### (3) FISCAL, PEREZ, & GODINEZ RULINGS

#### RULING #247

TRAINER JESSE RAY GODINEZ IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1659 (DELIVERY OF CLAIMED HORSE) ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007.

#### **RULING #248**

TRAINER SERGIO FISCAL IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1659 (DELIVERY OF CLAIMED HORSE) ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007.

#### **RULING #249**

OWNER ANTONIO PEREZ, JR. IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1659 (DELIVERY OF CLAIMED HORSE) ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007.

The above rulings were issued after a day of deliberation; all three licensees shared culpability in the incident. The fact that the claimed horse returned to the barn he was claimed from established a clear violation.

## (4) JOCKEY OBJECTION - NO CHANGE

Following the running of the first race jockey Cesar De Alba who ride # 2 "The Rocket" who finished second, lodges a claim of foul against # 1 "Mits S." for alleged interference on the turn. After a review of the film, talking to the Patrol Judge, and the jockeys involved it was a unanimous decision to let the original order of finish stand due to the fact the films did not verify the claim of foul.

## (5) LATE DECLARATION

A refund was ordered in the ninth race when track veterinarian T. Hackathorn reported that # 5 "Easy Swinger" (Tr. J. De La Torre) failed to warm up properly. Declared by the Stewards.

Refund: \$11,292.00

#### (6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

 On Track Attendance:
 806
 On Track Handle:
 \$218,072

 Off Track Attendance:
 2340
 Off Track Handle:
 \$592,014

 Total:
 3146
 Out of State:
 \$503,732

 Total:
 \$1,313,818

## VETERINARIAN <u>RECOMMENDED</u> SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	Race	No	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	Reason	<u>Vet</u>	Refund
11/8/2007	1	6	Stormy Stenovec	H. Nelson	Injured	Hackathorn	\$561
11/9/2007	2	8	Nicencozy	J. Hernandez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$131
	6	5	Mexicali Ways	D. Montes	Sick	Guillen	\$124
	8	6	Betuitsred	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$726
11/10/2007	6	1	Final Answer	B. Lewis	Injured	Hackathorn	\$405
	7	3	Corona Rich	J. Nunez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$145
	8	4	Dreamers Okie	S. Fiscal	Sick	Guillen	\$380
	11	7	Fremont Butte	E. Navarro	Sick	Hackathorn	\$78
11/12/2007	2	5	Bahreeda	B. Free	Sick	Guillen	\$217
	8	2	Mr. Crimson Leader	E. January	Sick	Guillen	\$133
	9	8	Reddydashn	A. Soto	Sick	Guillen	\$106

## TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 11, 2007.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period seventeen horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: five for soundness, four for injury and eight for sickness.

Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward George Slender.

## **CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

## **SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	WEEK	MEET
				11/08	11/09	11/10	11/11	TOTAL	TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	21
CAL-BRED RACES		Α		0	0	0	0	0	32
CLAIMS			R	7	5	7	5	24	202
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	0	0	1	73
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	1	1	3	139
REFUNDS		A		3	4	5	4	16	664
RULINGS	_		Y	0	1	0	3	4	249

Stewards' Attendance: George Slender, Tom Ward, and Anne Alley were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

George Slender (Steward)
Tom Ward (Steward)
 Anne Alley (Steward)